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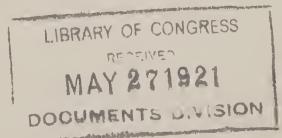
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HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CONTESTS

On April 11th, 1913, the first annual inter-scholastic track meet of North Carolina was held at the University of North Carolina. Fifty athletes representing a half dozen high schools participated and the trophy cup went to the High Point high school. This track meet was staged under the direction of the Greater Council, a University student organization, and moving spirits in carrying it through to a successful conclusion were: Earl Patterson, Carolina track captain, and Walter Stokes, Jr., president of the senior class, and head of the Greater Council. From this beginning in 1913 State high school athletic contests, conducted under the auspices of the University, have experienced a great increase in variety, scope and popular interest.

PURPOSE OF CONTESTS

The basic idea behind the first track meet held in 1913 and behind every high school athletic contest conducted since has been that it is the University's function to extend a helpful relationship wherever possible in the State; that the boundaries of service of the University should be coextensive with the geographical outlines of the State. It has been thought constantly that it is a proper activity for the University to co-operate with the high schools in carrying on State championship contests in the various branches of sport.

ANNUAL CONTESTS SUMMARIZED

1913-14.—From this beginning in the spring of 1913, interest grew in the new line of University endeavor. In the fall of 1913 the High School Athletics Committee, with N. W. Walker as chairman, representing the University of North Carolina, began its work of supervising high school athletic contests, with the finals in the various contests centering at the University, a work which it has continued ever since. This committee supervised the first annual State high school championship contest in football in the fall of 1913. The Raleigh high school won the trophy cup in the first contest. The committee extended its activity to include baseball, and in the spring of 1914 the Sylvan high school won the first annual baseball championship contest. The Friendship high school won the interscholastic track meet of 1914.

1914-15—By the fall of 1914 the contests were on the road to permanent establishment and the spring of 1915 witnessed the beginning of the State high school basketball championship contest. The Raleigh high school again won the football championship, in 1914. The Winston-Salem high school won the first annual State championship contest in basketball, in 1915. The Friendship high school won the inter-scholastic track meet for the second time in 1915, and the Sylvan high school won the baseball championship for the second time.

1915-16—These contests moved steadily along in 1915-16 and this year saw the beginning of the inter-scholastic tennis tournament. The Raleigh high school for the third time won the football championship, defeating the Charlotte high school in a close and memorable final game. The Durham high school won the 1916 basketball championship contest. The Friendship high school won the inter-scholastic track meet, and the Wilmington high school won the inter-scholastic tennis tournament. The Clayton high school won the baseball championship.

1916-17—The Charlotte high school in the fall of 1916 won the football championship. Winston-Salem won the State high school basketball championship in 1917. Oak Ridge won the doubles of the tennis tournamment and Wilmington high school won the singles. Friendship high school again won the trophy cup in the track meet, and the Cherryville high school won the baseball championship.

1917-18—The Charlotte high school in the fall of 1917 for the second time won the trophy cup in football. The Durham high school, in 1918, evened matters up with Winston-Salem by carrying off the trophy cup in basketball. The Asheville high school won the tennis tournament. Friendship high school repeated her past performance of carrying away the trophy cup in the track meet, and the Winston-Salem high school won the baseball championship.

1918-19—Due to the war conditions and the influenza epidemic, no football contest was conducted in 1918. In the spring of 1919 Winston-Salem carried the rubber away from Durham by winning the basketball championship. The Wilson high school won the tennis tournament. Friendship for the sixth time won the track meet, and Red Oak carried away the baseball trophy cup.

1919-20—The Chapel Hill high school won the football championship in 1919. The Wilmington high school won the basketball championship in 1920. The Wilson high school for the second time carried away the honors in the tennis tournament. Friendship high school continued her success in the track meet, and the Greensboro high school won the baseball trophy cup.

1920-21—The Chapel Hill high school for the second time won the football championship, in 1920, defeating the Monroe high school in a final game marked by the great playing of both teams. Chapel Hill high school won the basketball championship, in 1921, defeating the Charlotte high school in a very close and exciting final game. Oak Ridge won the doubles and Raeford high school won the singles of the tennis tournament. Chapel Hill continued her athletic successes by winning the track meet. At the time this leaflet goes to press the baseball championship contest is in progress.

INTEREST HAS STEADILY GROWN

This year, 1920-21, has set the high water mark for high school athletics. A great interest has been aroused by the contests all over the State from Wilmington in the southeast and Elizabeth City in the northeast to Asheville in the west. Twenty-three high schools took part in the football cham-

pionship series last fall. Forty-four high schools were represented in the championship series in basketball. During this year's High School Week at the University, April 14th and 15th, 125 contestants came from fifteen schools to participate in the inter-scholastic track meet, and eleven schools sent representatives for the inter-scholastic tennis tournament. Thirty-six high schools are participating at the present writing in the baseball championship series.

VALUE OF CONTESTS

What these contests have meant to the students, to the schools, and to the communities for the last nine years can hardly be estimated. physical development of the athletes has been greatly aided. Alertness of mind and quickness of decision have been called into play on the part of contestants and all the other benefits of organized athletics have accompanied. The attendance and scholastic records of many boys in the high schools have improved by reason of the fact that a student must attend school and pass his work before he can represent his school. High school athletics has been conducted on a high plane, and the contests for the trophy cups have been attended as a rule with a fine spirit of sportsmanship on all sides. High school students in various schools have come to mingle with each other and to know each other. They have visited the University for the finals and have come to know the University. interest of communities in the schools has been greatly stimulated. School spirit and tradition and loyalty have been built up in a great many Carolina high schools.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONTESTS

In the conduct of the contests carried on by the Bureau of Extension in football, basketball, tennis, track, and baseball, the following regulations have been used:

FOOTBALL

- 1. For the year 1920 the contest shall be open only to North Carolina public high schools, city and rural.
- 2. Any football team, representing a high school, city or rural, that is made up of strictly bona fide students, shall be eligible to enter the championship series, provided the manager shall by November 5th apply to the committee for entrance into the contest, shall send a record of games played, and shall send a certified list of his players.
- 3. To be eligible for a place on a team a player must be a bona fide student of the school which he represents. To be a bona fide student he must be in regular attendance at the time of any game in which he participates and must have been in regular attendance for at least thirty per cent of the school year up to the time of any game in which he participates, and must have made passing grades on a majority of the studies in some regularly organized course in the school.
- 4. No post-graduate of a school—that is, no student who has already finished a standard four-year high school course as outlined by the State Department of Education, shall be eligible to play on the teams.
- 5. No teacher, coach or professional athlete shall be allowed to take part in the games under any circumstances.
- 6. No high school student shall be considered as eligible for this series who has already been a member of high school football teams, or preparatory school football teams, for four years.
- 7. If one or more ineligible players are used on a team during a game, then that game shall be forfeited to the opposing team.
- 8. Immediately after November 6th, the committee will hold a conference with the faculty managers, or student managers, of all teams entering the eastern championship series and a conference with the faculty managers, or student managers, of all teams entering the western championship series. These conferences will arrange the schedule of the championship series, east and west, for the purpose of selecting through a process of elimination two teams which shall come to Chapel Hill for the final State championship game, the date for this to be settled by the committee. Provided, That should any two managers fail to agree among themselves at the conference as to whether their teams shall meet on the home field of one of the teams, and should they fail further to agree upon some nearby neutral meeting-place, then it is understood that their teams shall meet on

Emerson Field at the University nder whatsoever financial conditions the committee may be able to propose.

- 9. The committee will pay one-half of the railway fare both ways and will provide entertainment at Chapel Hill for the two teams which shall be selected to play the State championship game.
- 10. The committee at the University is composed of N. W. Walker, chairman; E. R. Rankin, secretary; C. T. Woollen, B. C. Harrell, and Donnell Van Noppen.

BASKETBALL

- 1. For the year 1921 the contest shall be open only to North Carolina public high schools, city and rural.
- 2. Any basketball team, representing a high school, city or rural, that is made up of strictly bona fide students, shall be eligible to enter the championship series, provided the manager shall by February 12th apply to the committee for entrance into the contest, and shall send a certified list of his players.
- 3. To be eligible for a place on a team a player must be a bona fide student of the school which he represents. To be a bona fide student he must be in regular attendance at the time of any game in which he participates and must have been in regular attendance for at least thirty per cent of the school year up to the time of any game in which he participates and must have made passing grades on a majority of the sudies in some regularly organized course in the school.
- 4. No post-graduate of a school—that is, no student who has already finished a standard four-year high school course as outlined by the State Department of Education, shall be eligible to play on a team.
- 5. No teacher, coach or professional athlete shall be allowed to take part in the games under any circumstances.
- 6. No high school student shall be considered as eligible for this championship series who has already represented a high school during any game or fraction of a game in four championship series in previous years, or who has played four years of prep school basketball.
- 7. If one or more ineligible players are used on a team during a game, then that game shall be forfeited to the opposing team.
- 8. Immediately after February 13th, at the call of the committee, a conference will be held of the faculty managers, or student managers, of all teams entering the eastern championship series, and another conference will be held of the faculty managers, or student managers, of all teams entering the western championship series. These conferences of managers will arrange the schedule of the championship series, east and west, for the purpose of selecting through a process of elimination two teams which shall come to Chapel Hill for the final State championship game, the date for this to be settled by the committee. Provided, That should any two managers fail to agree among themselves at the conference as to whether their teams shall meet at the home town of either of the teams, and should

they fail further to agree upon some nearby neutral meeting-place, then it is understood that their teams shall meet at the University Gymnasium under whatsoever financial conditions the committee may be able to propose.

- 9. The committee will pay one-half of the railway fare both ways and will provide entertainment at Chapel Hill for the two teams which shall be selected to play the State championship game.
- 10. The games shall be played under the rules as laid down by the international basketball committee.
- 11. The committee at the University is composed of N. W. Walker, chairman; E. R. Rankin, secretary; C. T. Woollen, W. McK. Fetzer, and Joe A. Person.

TENNIS

- 1. All secondary schools of North Carolina, however supported, shall be eligible to send representatives to contest in the inter-scholastic tennis tournament.
- 2. Each contestant must be a bona fide student of the school which he represents. To be a bona fide student, he must be in attendance at the time of the tournament, and must have been in attendance for at least 30 per cent of the school year up to the time of the tournament, and must have made passing grades on a majority of the studies in some regularly organized course of the school.
- 3. There will be contests in singles and doubles. A school may enter either the singles or doubles, or both. A school may enter only one man for the singles, and only two men for the doubles. The contests will be so arranged that the same man may take part in the singles and doubles if he desires.
- 4. Two cups will be awarded, one to the school winning the doubles match and the other to the school winning the singles match.
- 5. All schools desiring to enter the tournament will please communicate with the secretary of the committee as early as possible. The names of all contestants together with information as to whether they wish to take part in the singles, doubles, or both, should be sent in not later than April 5th. There will be preliminaries at Chapel Hill which will probably necessitate the contestants arriving on April 13th.
- 6. All contestants, teachers, or principals coming to Chapel Hill for the tournament will be entertained free of cost.

TRACK

- 1. All secondary schools of North Carolina, however supported, shall be eligible to send representatives to contest in the inter-scholastic track meet.
- 2. Each contestant must be a bona fide student of the school which he represents. To be a bona fide student, he must be in atendance at the time of the meet, and must have been in attendance for at least 30 per cent of the school year up to the date of the meet, and must have made

passing grades on a majority of the studies in some regularly organized course in the school.

- 3. The following events will be held: (1) 100-yard dash, (2) 440-yard run, (3) 880-yard run, (4) one-mile run, (5) 120-yard low hurdles, (6) high jump, (7) broad jump, (8) pole vault, (9) 12-pound shot put, (10) discus throw, (11) a relay race.
- 4. The school winning the largest number of points shall be awarded the championship cup. This school shall retain possession of the cup for one year, and the school that shall win it for three years shall have permanent possession of it. The school which wins the relay race shall be awarded a cup, this to remain in permanent possession of the school winning it. To every contestant winning a first place in any event, a silver medal will be awarded; and to every contestant winning a second place a bronze medal will be awarded.
- 5. The points will be counted thus: 5 for first place, 3 for second place, 2 for third place, and 1 for fourth place. The relay race will not count in the scoring of points.
- 6. The rules of the Inter-Collegiate Amateur Athletic Association will govern this meet. A copy of these rules may be secured at any sporting goods store with Spaulding & Co.'s agency.
- 7. All schools desiring to be represented in this meet will please notify E. R. Rankin, secretary, as early as possible. Entry blanks for each contestant must be filled out, and these should be sent to the secretary not later than April 5th.
- 8. All contestants and principals coming to Chapel Hill for this meet will be met at the station by a committee and will be entertained free of cost while at Chapel Hill.

BASEBALL

- 1. For this year the contest shall be open only to public high schools, eity and rural.
- 2. Any baseball team, representing a high school, city or rural, that is made up of strictly bona fide students, shall be eligible to enter the championship series, provided the manager shall by April 23rd apply to the committee for entrance into the contest and shall send a certified list of his players.
- 3. To be eligible for a place on a team a player must be a bona fide student of the school which he represents. To be a bona fide student he must be in regular attendance at the time of any game in which he participates and must have been in regular attendance for at least thiry per cent of the school year up to the time of any game in which he participates, and he must have made passing grades on a majority of the studies in some regularly organized course in the school.
- 4. No post-graduate of a school—that is, no student who has already finished a standard four-year high school course as outlined by the State Department of Education, shall be eligible to play on the teams.

- 5. No teacher, professional athlete, or former college player, shall be allowed to take part in the games under any circumstances.
- 6. No high school student shall be considered as eligible for this championship series who has already represented a high school during any game or fraction of a game in four championship series in baseball in previous years, or who has played four years of prep school baseball.
- 7. If one or more ineligible players are used by a team during a game then that game shall be forfeited to the opposing team.
- S. Immediately after April 24th, at the call of the committee, a conference will be held of the faculty managers, or student managers, of all teams entering the eastern championship series, and another conference will be held of the faculty managers, or student managers, of all teams entering the western championship series. These conferences of managers will arrange the schedule of the championship series, east and west, for the purpose of selecting through a process of elimination two teams which shall come to Chapel Hill for the final State championship game, the date for this to be settled by the committee. Provided, That should any two managers fail to agree among themselves at the conference as to whether their teams shall meet at the home town of either of the teams, and should they fail further to agree upon some nearby neutral meeting-place, then it is understood that their teams shall meet on Emerson Field at the University under whatsoever financial conditions the committee may be able to propose.
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